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Dear Mac:

Your letter just received. It was nice hearing from you. I had heard you were in Puerto Rico, and was afraid you might not have received my letter. It was also nice to receive the clipping. That was quite a ball club.

Well our league met in New York this past week end. There were also a couple men from the west there. Every one is going ahead with plans for the coming season. Most of the baseball people are very optimistic. The worst thing confronting us is the manpower shortage. Now that the races are shut down, and the night clubs have to close at midnight, the baseball is one of the few things left.

Now about your contract, you know of course we want you to play with the team. I am very glad you are having such a good financial season. Write meright back and tell me what salary you are asking us for this season. We are planning to start training about Aprillst, and are planning to go to Richmond to train.

I have received several letters from ballplayers in Cuba asking for a place on the team. Do you know the catcher Eulogio Valdes? Is he any good, worth sending for? Also Alberto Acosta Roque. He plays infield and outfield. I will appreciate it if you will let me know about these two if you can.

If you do not return before March 15th, send the W2 form I sent you to the collector of internal revenue in New York. March 15th is the last day you can file without a penalty. Please answer right away, as opening day is not very far away.

Everybody sends regards to you. The Herald had your picture in it last week.

Very Truly Yours